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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PBOR MO SS SP MR AG

SUBJECT: KING BREAK NO NEW GROUND IN CALM THRONE DAY SPEECH

1. KING READ ANNUAL THRONE DAY SPEECH FROM FES MORNING  
OF MARCH 3. SPEECH BROKE NO NEW GROUND WITH GENERAL  
TONE BEING ONE OF FIRMNESS AND STATESMANSHIP. HIGHLIGHTS  
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--THIS YEAR'S THRONE DAY COINCIDED WITH END OF  
SPANISH COLONIALISM IN SAHARA, A CAMPAIGN IN WHICH  
MOROCCO WAS VICTORIOUS.

--SAHARA PROBLEM WAS SOLVED WITH PATIENCE AND  
JUSTICE IN A WAY WHICH RESPECTED NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.  
(KING THEN REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF MOROCCO'S SAHARA  
CAMPAIGN.)

--SAHARA WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO "PARADISE," PLANS  
AND PROJECTS NOW UNDERWAY.

--NO FORCE WAS USED TO RECOVER SAHARA. MOROCCO  
NEGOTIATED WITH SPANISH (WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS FRIENDS) AND  
CONCERTED WITH MAURITANIA.

--MOROCCAN ARMED FORCES READY. NEWS MEDIA HAVE  
REPORTED THEIR COURAGE. I, AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WISH  
THEM A HAPPY HOLIDAY, BUT WARN OF NEED FOR CONTINUING  
VIGILANCE FOLLOWING ANY VICTORY.

--EVERY AGGRESSION AGAINST OUR HOMELAND IS VIOLA-  
TION REQUIRING FIRMNESS AND NO APPEASEMENT.

--MOROCCO HATES WAR, BUT IS NOT PREPARED TO OVER-  
LOOK VIOLATION OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY.

--ALGERIA'S OPEN INTERFERENCE IN SAHARA FRUITLESS  
WASTE OF ITS TIME. MOROCCO WILL REMAIN THERE WHATEVER  
THE COST AND SACRIFICE.

--APPEAL TO ALGERIA TO AVOID BLOODSHED AND HATRED  
AND ESTRANGEMENT.

--CRIME ALGERIA IS PERPETRATING HAS NO LEGALITY.  
ALGERIA'S BEHAVIOR--SEARCH FOR JUSTIFICATION AND  
VIOLATION OF PROMISES--OPENS MOST DANGEROUS OF DOORS.  
BETTER FOR ALGERIA TO DEVOTE EFFORTS AND RESOURCES  
TO PROTECT AND RESCUE USURPED ISLAMIC HOLY LANDS.

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2. COMMENT: KING DID NOT USE THRONE DAY SPEECH TO  
SURFACE ANY NEW DEPARTURES OR FACTS, BUT RATHER TO  
PRESENT POSITIVE AND REASSURING GENERAL PICTURE OF  
ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 15-YEAR REIGN AND OF PROSPECTS FOR  
THE FUTURE. SAHARA COMMENTS WERE CONFIDENT AND FIRM  
WITHOUT BEING BELLIGERENT. KING AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED  
UNDERScoreD LEGITIMACY OF MOROCCAN SAHARA POLICY AND  
DETERMINATION TO REMAIN IN THE TERRITORY NO MATTER

WHAT SACRIFICES WERE REQUIRED. AS USUAL, BLAME  
FOR PRESENT TENSIONS AND FOR ANY FUTURE OUTBREAK LAID  
ENTIRELY AT ALGERIA'S DOOR. CONCERNING "FRIENDLY"  
SPAIN, KING REVEALED NO HINT OF DISAPPOINTMENT OVER  
RECENT SPANISH BACKING AWAY FROM POPULAR CONSULTATION  
ASPECTS OF MADRID ACCORD.

3. KING ALSO HAD NOTHING TO SAY ON FUTURE ELECTIONS,  
OFTEN SUBJECT OF AT LEAST PASSING REFERENCE IN PAST  
SPEECHES. SUCH OMISSION FITS IN WITH EXPECTATION OF  
POLITICAL PARTIES THAT AREA TENSIONS WILL DEFER MOVEMENT  
ON ELECTIONS FOR PRESENT.  
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